

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, the paper copy of the Sequence Listing has been inserted after the last page of the specification. Also, claims 6, 10, 11, and 18-21 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, claim 22 to make a minor editorial change, and new claims 26-28 have been added. Support for new claims 26-28 can be found in at least the originally filed claims. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

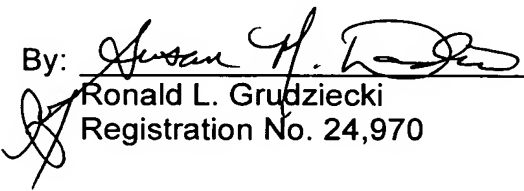
It is requested that the application be examined taking into account the changes made by way of this Preliminary Amendment.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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